



Knitty Couture

Newsletter

Greetings!

This fall we have a wonderful listing of events as well as class topics. As we're moving into the cooler seasons, we've also begun bulking up our stock so be on the lookout for new yarns, colors, books, and great accessories.

Current Events

East Loop Block Party

Celebrate the Expanding East End of The Delmar Loop

When: **Thursday – Sunday, August 28th – 31st**

This event will highlight all the shops along the East End of The Loop. This area is full of wonderful boutiques, shops, and eateries. Here is your chance to come hang out, listen to great music and enjoy come cocktails.

This weekend event will offer ongoing **live music** from **over 25 bands** as well as **sidewalk sales and specials** from all merchants!

Knitty Couture will offer **10% discount** storewide and **free knitting lessons** from 2pm-4pm for Saturday and Sunday.

Knitting and Tea

We've partnered with **The London Tea Room** to invite you to be a part of a monthly Knitting and Tea event. First date is Wednesday, Sept. 24th. Space is limited. Please call 314.241.6556 for reservations. Stay tuned for more official information.

Yarn Tastings

We're excited to begin our first of a long series of **Yarn Tastings**. These events showcase a particular company/product by inviting you to come out for an evening to view and play with the yarn. In addition to wonderful food and company, attendees also have the chance to sample specialty wines from that area.

Our first Tasting, held in early August, highlighted **Imperial Stock Ranch**, a great Oregon company. ISR "produc[es] hand-crafted, all natural beef, lamb & woolen fashions with sustainable practices that date back to 1871." Knitty Couture is proud to partner with ISR to bring you great yarns!

Watch for your invitation to our next Yarn Tasting!

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Groups

Sundays: Open Knit-in, 1pm-6pm

2nd Tuesdays: Spinning Group, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

3rd Tuesdays: Book Club, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Thursdays: Knit Night, 5pm-8pm

Shop Hours

Mon	Closed
Tues	11am - 6pm
Wed	11am - 6pm
Thurs	11am – 8pm
Fri	11am - 6pm
Sat	11am - 6pm
Sun	1pm - 6pm

Field Trips

It's that time again when we trek over to our local animal fiber farms to visit the wonderful animals that make knitting possible.

In April, we visited Lita Murphy and her farm, **Prairieland Peruvian Alpacas**, in Worden, IL. Well, Lita has invited us again to her farm which we're more than happy to abide.

In addition, Linda Beckley, president of the St. Louis Weavers and Spinners Guild, invites us to her farm, **Yarn Farm**, in St. Claire, MO to visit her llamas and merino sheep and learn about flax!

Again, watch for your invitation as space is often limited!

Knitting Olympics

Knitters across the world have casted on and are vigorously working away on their Olympics projects. If you have an Olympics project, come join us on Thursday evenings and Sunday days. The **closing ceremony** takes place **Sunday, Aug. 24th**. Be there when we celebrate our gold, silver, and bronze medalists.

Knit Clinic

Knit clinic is back!! At this **twice-weekly help session**, we'll help you solve project problems and provide guidance on your work.

A minimal **fee of \$10** will let you sit, get more personalized help, and ask as many questions as you'd like.

Knit clinic sessions are on **Sundays, 4:30pm-5:30pm**, and **Wednesdays, 5pm-6pm**.

Book Club

Participating in a book club is such a wonderful way to keep the mind fresh and learn new perspectives. For the month of September, we've selected a classic, ***To Kill a Mockingbird*** by Harper Lee.

Book Club meets every **3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm – 7:30pm**.

Join us on **September 16th** to discuss!

Spinning Group

Spinning group will resume this September. Come, bring your spindle(s) and/or wheel, and spin with us on every **2nd Tuesdays** of the month, **5:30pm – 7:30pm**.

Join us on **September 9th**!

Knit for Newborns

We are continuing to invite knitters and crocheters to use up their stash to knit toys for Missouri children and families. Caps, garments, blankets, and toys for newborns - 4 years old are welcomed! Just drop them by the shop!

Classes

The new **Fall Class Schedule** has been posted. We have an exciting line of topics to introduce. Included are mittens, Fair Isle, sweaters, brioche, lace and Christmas knits.

Visit www.knittycouture.com for more information! Don't forget that pdfs of the class schedule are available online also.

Demonstrations

Don't forget. We also continue to offer free workshops every **1st Thursdays** of the month, **6pm – 7pm**. Demonstrations are scheduled as follow:

Sept. 4th: Kitcheners Stitch

Oct. 2nd: Making Stitch Markers

Nov. 6th: Short Rows

Dec. 4th: Buttonholes

At the Shop

Imperial Stock Ranch

This wonderful company is located in the north-central area of the state, situated on 30,000 acres of Oregon's high desert.

In the shop are three of ISR's yarns: **bulky pencil roving** (similar to Icelandic unspun), **2-ply worsted**, and **sock yarn**. All are simply wonderful.

The 2-ply worsted, in particular, has a pleasant plumpness that would be great for aran and cable works. The pencil roving and sock yarn have a whopping 500+ yarns each.

Sock Yarn

Three new sock yarns grace our walls: **Indy Dyer**, **Ancient Threads**, and **Chameleon Colorworks Bambino**.

Jenna of **Indy Dyer** follows the footsteps of her mom, Cheryl, owner of Cherry Tree Hill Yarns, in this business. Her colors are vibrant and dyed on supersock yarn.

The mastermind behind **Ancient Threads**, Linda Holt, dyes the most wonderful colors. The colors are subtle, soft and just simply lovely. I requested that she dye on socktome yarn, which I think, is the softest sock yarn to date.

The **Bambino** is a bamboo, superwash merino, and nylon blend. Nancy of **Chameleon Colorworks** dyes this yarn in a beautiful array of colors. We have them available in solids as well as semi-variegated.

Other New Things

In addition to yarns, we now have two new lines of knitting bags and accessory holders in stock. We also have Elizabeth Zimmermann knitting journals, knitters' graph paper, and coilless pins.

What we're doing

New Staff: Meet Ariel

Knitty Couture (KC): Hi, Ariel! We're so thrilled to have you become a part of Knitty Couture. I must say, this has been in the works since last Fall, but we're glad it's finally happened. Tell us. How did you get into knitting?

Ariel (A): My mom taught me to knit when I was 8, but I had forgotten all about it until I was pregnant with Marley and picked it up again. I've been a knitter for five years now.

KC: Are there any lucky recipients, besides you, of your knits?

A: I enjoy knitting for my two kids and my husband most of all (he would live in a handknitted house if he could).

KC: Where do you find your inspiration?

A: My favorite designers are Norah Gaughan as I am drawn to her unordinary construction techniques and the color work of Kaffe Fasset.

KC: Interesting. Both are fabulously talented. May we ask what you're working on now?

A: The Bubble Pullover from Norah Gaughan's *Knitting Nature*, the Shawl Collared Jacket from Rowan's *Knitting for Him*, a skull crossbone sweater for my daughter (LOL!), and wool soakers for the baby (Abe).

KC: Boy, that's sounds like a full load! A true knitter you are! You know, it's a requirement of a true knitter to have many projects on the needles! (LOL!) Well, thank you for taking the time to talk to us, and most of all, for joining the staff of Knitty Couture.

On display

Baby Surprise Jackets are everywhere!

In addition, the **reversible brioche hat** (see class listing) and the **Latvian hat** are on display for viewing.

Rowan's **Capri** decorates our East window. This pretty cardigan was knitted by Eileen using **Rowan Calmer**. This is also a free pattern online. If you've not knitted with Calmer, you should. This yarn is part cotton, part microfiber and has a fantastic elastic quality.

We like Calmer so much that we've also used in our West window garment. This **striped top** is knitted in ribbing and is perfect for summerwear.

HAPPY KNITTING!